



Nebraska Small Business Stabilization Grant Program Guidelines

Utilizing federal COVID-19 Relief Funding, the State of Nebraska has established a program to provide financial assistance to Nebraska-owned small businesses and livestock producers who have been severely impacted by COVID-19 related closures, occupancy restrictions and the overall loss of consumer traffic. Small businesses and their related industries are the pillars of our economic system, and their survival and return to prosperity and growth are paramount. The Stabilization Grant Program provides working capital to small businesses and livestock producers by way of grants that can be used to cover operating expenses.

The Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED) will provide an Eligibility Certification Form and application materials to enable applicants to apply for funding under the Nebraska Small Business Stabilization Grant Program. Eligibility forms and applications will be accepted from June 15, 2020, to June 26, 2020. Awards will be issued to qualifying applicants until all funds are exhausted.

Eligible Businesses

- Eligible businesses include Nebraska-owned small businesses having between 5-49 employees as of March 13, 2020. Ineligible businesses/industries/operations include:
 - NAICS 21: Mining
 - NAICS 22: Utilities
 - NAICS 52: Finance and Insurance
 - NAICS 55: Management of Companies and Enterprises
 - NAICS 61: Educational Services
 - NAICS 92: Public Administration
 - Lobbyist and Political Organizations
- Nebraska-owned Livestock Producers with 1-10 employees as of March 13, 2020, who have closed operations or sustained a loss of revenue or employment since March 13, 2020, are also eligible. The following NAICS Codes ARE allowed:
 - Beef Cattle Ranching and Farming (NAICS 112111)
 - Dairy Cattle and Milk Production (NAICS 112120)
 - Hog and Pig Farming (NAICS 1122)
 - Poultry and Egg Production (NAICS 1123)
 - Sheep/Goat Farming (NAICS 1124)
- To be eligible, livestock producers must have at least 20 animal units. Other qualifications include:
 - Two-thirds of gross income must come from farming or ranching.

ANIMAL UNIT means a unit of measurement for any animal feeding operation calculated by adding the following numbers: The number of slaughter and feeder cattle multiplied by 1.0, plus the number of cow/calf pairs multiplied by 1.2, plus the number of mature dairy cattle multiplied by 1.4, plus the number of swine weighing 55 pounds or more multiplied by 0.4, plus the number of weaned pigs weighing less than 55 pounds multiplied by 0.04, plus the number of sheep multiplied by 0.1, plus the number of horses

multiplied by 2.0, plus the number of chickens multiplied by 0.01, plus the number of turkeys multiplied by 0.02, plus the number of ducks multiplied by 0.2. For immature dairy cattle or species not listed, the number of animal units shall be calculated as the average weight of the animals, divided by 1,000 pounds, multiplied by the number of animals.

Eligible Uses of Funding

Eligible uses of Small Business Stabilization Grant funding include any operating expenses put toward continuing a business' operations.

Funds Distribution

DED expects to award individual grants of \$12,000 to eligible businesses, for a total of approximately \$330,000,000.

Application Requirements

An Eligibility Certification Form must be completed. The form can be found at: <http://getnebraskagrowing.nebraska.gov/>.

- Must include Eligibility Certification Confirmation Number (provided by State after successful eligibility certification)
- Must include completed application form and supporting documentation including:
 - Most recent W-4 Form (employee withholding form)
 - Employee listing as of March 13, 2020

Project Selection

Grant funds will be **distributed on a first come, first served basis.**

Application Timing and Process

Applications will be accepted from June 15, 2020, through June 26, 2020. Awards will be issued to qualifying applicants until funds are exhausted. Applicants must complete the Eligibility Certification Form online at <http://getnebraskagrowing.nebraska.gov/>, and must fully comply with all requirements within the allotted time period. Applications that do not include all specified documentation or attachments, or those that have not been fully completed, will not be considered. At its discretion, DED may request supplemental materials from applicants.

Information on Nebraska Small Business Stabilization Grants can be found here: <http://getnebraskagrowing.nebraska.gov/>.

For technical assistance or information on how to apply, visit <https://opportunity.nebraska.gov/amplifund/> or call [855-264-6858](tel:855-264-6858).